

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 15th 2001

DX News

K1HC will be in Iceland operating portable as TF/K1HC during the period of the 16th to the 20th of April. Working conditions will be an Icom IC-706 MKII and antennas for 20 to 2 metres. K1HC hopes to work fellow IRTS members during his stay. Frequencies in operation will be 14.066 or 14.186 MHz on 20 metres and SSB calling frequencies on 6 and 2 metres.

A DXpedition to the island of Tanera Mor in the Summer Isles, North West Scotland will take place from 20th to the 23rd of April 2001. The various references are; IOTA EU92, Islands of Scotland Award SC10, WAB NB90 and QRA IO78. Activity will be on all bands 10 to 80 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Hopefully this year conditions will be better and the operators are looking forward to working lots of stations who require the Summer Isles for IOTA or IOSA. The call sign in operation will be MM0BQI/P for some contest activity and also the special callsign GB5SI (Summer Isles). It is hoped to work many EI stations during the weekend. QSL is 100% direct or via RSGB to Jim Martin, MM0BQI 3 Lismore Avenue Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, SCOTLAND - UK or Spring Counties Contest The Spring 2 Metres Counties Contest will be held as usual on Easter Monday, April 16th. However, due to the Foot and Mouth situation, the portable sections are cancelled. That means that there will only be three sections, high power fixed, low power fixed and the FM section.

CQ DX Hall of Fame

Four new members are being added to the CQ DX and Contest Halls of Fame, among the most prestigious honours in amateur radio. Selection committee Chairman Bob Cox, K3EST, announced that Robert Allphin, K4UEE, of Marietta, Georgia, and Robert Eshleman, W4DR, of Midlothian, Virginia, were named to the CQ DX Hall of Fame, while Algis Kregzde, LY2NK, of Lithuania, and Ron Sigismonti, N3RS, of Glenmoore, Pennsylvania, will be added to the roster of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. Details will be available on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>

6 metre Repeater

Dave GW0WBQ who is the repeater keeper for GB3AE 6m repeater would appreciate

your help to determine if the GB3AE repeater, which is situated near Tenby in the County of Pembrokeshire can be heard in the Republic of Ireland, the output frequency is 50.72 MHz and the input frequency is 51.22 MHz with a CTCSS tone of 94.8 Hz. If any amateur stations on the south eastern coast can hear the repeater please call in, if any swl can hear it please let Dave know.

IMD Event at Ballybunnion Cancelled

The International Marconi Day Event, which is normally run by a group of EI amateurs from the original Marconi site at Ballybunnion will not take place this year due to the Foot and Mouth situation. This site is available but unfortunately is located on farmland and it has been decided by all those involved to withdraw from the event this year.

Worked All Ireland

The WAI net frequency is 7.068 MHz and some Counties seem to have a low profile on this net. Operators (operating from fixed stations) are encouraged to call in to the WAI net from time to time, especially on weekends. So the next time you're operating on the HF bands, take some time out to call in on 7.068 and promote amateur radio in your area.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The website for South Eastern Amateur Radio Group has undergone a facelift. The site still has the same address; www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg/ but has a new look and easier navigation. Also there are plans in place to extend the site in the near future.

The club also has information and latest news about it's activities, meetings and repeaters available to WAP enabled mobile phones. If you have a WAP enabled handheld device point your browser to www.wapdrive.com/searg The group would welcome comments or suggestions about either the normal site or the WAP site.

Space News

Randy Shriver, KG3N becomes the first terrestrial ham to talk to Susan Helms, KC7NHZ while she was orbiting overhead on the International Space Station. Randy got a chance for a quick question and an even quicker reply. Shriver was also the first

non scheduled contact for Expedition 1 crew commander Bill Shepherd, KD5GSL.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded

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